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SUBJECT: GRIVAS DECLARATION TRIGGERS MORE PUBLIC DEBATE

SUMMARY: SEPT 16 GRIVAS ISSUED ELLIPTICAL HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF 1966/1967 EVENTS ACUSING GOC OF LOSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ENOSIS. FORMER GOG FONMIN ADMIRAL TOUMBAS REPORTEDLY ENDORSES GRIVAS ACCOUNT. CLERIDES PROMISES FULL REPLY. GAMBIT COULD REBOUND AGAINST GENERAL IF GOC HAS BETTER ARCHIVES. VIOLENCE HAS TAPERED OFF LATELY, BUT WEEKEND EVENTS COULD BETOKEN TROUBLE. END SUMMARY

1. AS FORECAST IN PRESS, GRIVAS ISSUED NEW STATEMENT SEPT 16 (EXCERPTS IN FBIS M161108), ACCUSING MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES OF WILLFULLY LETTING ENOSIS CHANCE SLIP AWAY IN LATE 1966/EARLY 1967.

2. MAIN POINTS ARE (1) 16 DEC 1966 PROTOCOL SIGNED BY THEN GOG AND GOT FONMINS ADMIRAL TOUMBAS AND CAGLAYANGIL
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AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE TO BILATERAL TALKS ON BASIS ENOSIS

CYPRUS WITH GREECE: (2) 13 JAN 1967 STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT INDICATED CATEGORICALLY THAT TERMS OF ENOSIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS, MAINLAND GREEKS, AND GOG GENERAL STAFF ; (3) 19 FEB 1967 CROWN COUNCIL MEETING (WITH MAKARIOS PRESENT) WHICH REVIEWED DECEMBER PROTOCOL AND (WITH EX-CEPTION MAKARIOS) ENDORSED POLICY OF STEPHANOPOULOS GOVT IN HANDLING CYPURS PROBLEM; (4) LETTER FROM UK PRIMIN WILSON TO KING CONSTATINE OFFERED "CERTAIN CONCESSIONS" IF THAT WOULD FACILITATE GOG-GOT UNDERSTANDING ON CYPRUS ISSUE.

3. THREATENING FURTHER REVELATIONS, ARTICLE CALLS ON STEPHANOPOULOS, TOUMBAS, AND PAVLOS GOURAS (FORMIN OF CARETAKER GOG UNDER PARASKEVOPOULOS) TO COMMENT. RHETORICALLY ASKS WHY MAKARIOS IGNORED BOTH DECEMBER PROTOCOL AND CROWN CONCIL DELIBERATIONS, AND UNDERTOOK TO IMPLEMENT CLERIDES' "FEASIBLE" SOLUTION BASED ON INDEPENDENCE.

4. SEPT 17 "THARROS" PUBLISHED ANSWER FROM ADMIRAL TOUMBAS TO EFFECT THAT GRIVAS STATEMENT "ENTIRELY CORRECT" AND THAT, SPECIFICALLY, HE HAD SIGNED DEC 1966 PROTOCOL WITH ENOSIS AS SOLE BASIS FOR GOG-GOT TALKS RE CYPRUS. ADMIRAL SUGGESTED HE MAY COMMENT FURTHER ON 1966/1967 EVENTS.

5. GOC CAMP THUS FAR SILENT RE GRIVAS STATEMENT, THOUGH CLERIDES HAS PROMISED FULLY DOCUMENTED REPLY

6. MEANWHILE, ACTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE DROPPED OFF MARKEDLY PAST FEW WEEKS, INTANDEM WITH CONTINUED PRESS STORIES THAT GRIVAS MOVING TO SHIFT STRUGGLE TO POLITICAL FIELD. HOWEVER, NEW INCIDENTS OVER WEEKEND IN LIMASSOL DISTRICT (AMBUSH OF POLICE CAR, SHOTS FIRED AGAINST POLICE STATION IN SENSITIVE MALLIA VILLAGE) MAY SPELL TROUBLE. GOC CONTINUES TO ROUND UP GRIVASITES. TO DATE, SOME 50 PERSONS UNDER FORMAL INDICTMENT

7. COMMENT: WE WILL HEAR MUCH MORE ON THIS CHARGE. GRIVAS DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT SUPPORT HIS ASSERTIONS RE "PROTOCOL" AND NATURE OF "ENOSIS" AGREED UPON
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IN PRINCIPLE. NOR DOES IT SPELL OUT WHAT GOG AT TIME WILLING TO PAY FOR "ENOSIS". NEW GRIVAS DECLARATION WILL REQUIRE-- AND SURELY ELICIT-- FULL REJOINER FROM CLERIDES, POSSIBLY FROM ARCHBISHOP AS WELL. GAME OF "WHO-LOST-CHANCE-FOR ENOSIS?" COULD WELL REBOUND AGAINST GENERAL IF GOC HAS FULLER ARCHIVES AND CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS CLAIMS RE CHANCE FOR UNSULLIED ENOSIS ARE INCORRECT. WE SUSPECT GRIVAS' DE FACTOR TRUCE RECENT WEEKS MORE IN RESPONSE TO

GOG PRESSURE THAN GOG SUCCESSES ON GROUND (SINCE HE
MUST BE UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO RETALIATE). NO SIGN
YET THAT EITHER HE OR ARCHBISHOP MOVING TO HEED PAPADOPOULOS
CALL TO DISBAND ILLEGAL TEAMS. END COMMENT

8. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER COMMENT FROM
ANKARA OR ATHENS.
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